Report of Justice V.S. Malimath Committee

2433. SHRI K. CHANDRAN PILLAI:
SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Committee on revamping of the criminal justice system in India headed by Dr. Justice V.S. Malimath, has submitted its report to the Government of India;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) the action taken on the above report; and

(d) whether the report is available for public reference; if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMY): (a) to (d) The Criminal Justice System Reforms Committee appointed by the Government under the chairmanship of Dr. Justice V.S. Malimath, formerly Chief Justice of Karnataka and Kerala High Courts, has submitted its report to the Government on April 21, 2003. The criminal law and criminal procedure are on the Concurrent List of the Seventh Schedule to the Constitution of India and, hence, require consultation with the State Governments and Governments of Union Territory administrations. The report of the Committee is a public document.

Permission to private companies for laying ducts in Defence establishments

2434. SHRI RAJU PARMAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have given permission to some private companies to carry out surveys for laying ducts for fiber optic cables in the most sensitive areas around Defence establishments in the country;

(b) if so, how many companies have applied and been permitted to survey and lay ducts around Defence establishments in the country; and

(c) whether proper scrutiny of these companies were undertaken before granting permission and if not, the reasons therefor?